

Preface

This text is based on the Authors' experience of teaching clinical chemistry to medical students and to postgraduate students taking chemical pathology, clinical chemistry and other medically-related examinations. It covers appropriate basic physiology, pathophysiology, and touches on investigative procedures. The latter is not considered in great detail because this book has been written to complement a text covering this area (*Cases in Chemical Pathology: A Diagnostic Approach, 3rd ed.* Walmsley, Watkinson and Koay, World Scientific Publications, Singapore, 1993).

Readers of *Handbook of Chemical Pathology*, Koay and Walmsley, published in 1989 by PG Publishing, Singapore, will recognise that this text is a revised

version of the earlier volume, which we have given a different title in the new edition. In this new edition we have substantially revised and updated each chapter as necessary. The text is now illustrated with many more figures and tables, and is printed in a dual-column format using a smaller font size in the effort to produce a practical study text.

This is indeed a study text and not a reference book. The material is deemed sufficient for undergraduates but should be used as a basic foundation text by postgraduate students.

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